

Welcome Sister Catalina

An Irish Sister of Mercy often may be sent far from home and even to various countries. Sister Catalina Wyms graduated from the University of Galway with degrees in mathematics and Geography. From Ireland she was off to teach elementary school children in Jefferson City, Missouri. But who would know that the Bishop of that Diocese had a heart for the poor in South America and that he would send Sister Catalina to Peru. There she served for a period of more than 20 years in the cities of Nazca, Marcona, Lima, and Piura before being assigned to the mountain town of Mache with Sister Angelica since 2010. Thus, she



Sister Catalina leads the Liturgy of the Word and Communion

became a trusted partner with the Ministry of the Good Shepherd! She gives pastoral care that keeps the Catholic religion alive in Mache and six surrounding villages. She teaches and facilitates the laity to build Catholic community and to assure the continuation of activities and growth, even in the absence of nuns and priests. Her quiet, modest demeanor belies a fierce dedication to the poor, to human rights, protection of children and care of the earth. At the same time, her formidable language skill makes her a sought after interpreter for religious conferences all over the world!



Sister Catalina at Mache, July 2012

This past May, Sister Catalina came to Boca Raton on her way to Ireland. During her visit, she was warmly welcomed by the St. Joan of Arc Church family and Msgr. McGraw. She also met with the Ministry of the Good Shepherd's Board, members, donors and supporters. Her visit was short but she managed to participate in prayer groups, visit classrooms, visit CCD program students, meet with the Hispanic group from St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, and meet many others of our St. Joan of Arc community at a reception held by the Heemskerck's. She radiates a steady strength and, like Immaculata, a deep love for 'the reign of God'. We are blessed to be her friends.



The Heemskerck's welcoming Sister Catalina



Sister Catalina with The Father's Table Foundation



With the Hispanic Ministry of St. Joan Arc Catholic Church



Eleanor Danciu, Sister Catalina, Peggy Hutto and Loretta Rauenhorst

CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE MINISTRY!!!

We would love to share our stories and hopes with you. Please, call us if you are interested.
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Ministry of the Good Shepherd

Trips to Peru 2012

In mid July Marjorie O'Sullivan visited Peru for the 8th time! She was accompanied on this visit by Katherine Leach, Youth Minister at St. Joan and FAU. They went to be with the community of Mercy Sisters, some Irish and some native Peruvians, who serve in areas of extreme poverty on the outskirts of Trujillo and in the mountain town of Mache. Alto Trujillo, a huge swath of sloped dusty brown sands, not paved roads, is "home" to over 60,000 people. Many of them desperately struggle for just 'the daily.' In the midst of this harsh poverty, the Sisters and a committed lay community create oases of caring, dignity and even joy. All Good Shepherd funds go to support this outreach. For Marjorie and Katherine, their days in Peru were intensely absorbed in being with people, many now friends, active in schools, library, churches, care centers, a palliative care unit, an agricultural institute in Mache. Everywhere they were thanked profusely for our support and presence; but they were the ones so grateful for their friendship. Being with the community in Peru is an amazing experience of seeing "the good news" lived and even of being good news. It is exciting that more people from St. Joan are making this journey and we dream of mission trips in the years to come.

Christ in Nazareth proclaimed that the Spirit anointed Him because He was to bring "good news to the poor" (Luke 4:18). What would this 'good news' look like if you were one of the poor? Perhaps for a child left to play all day in the dirt, it could be a SCHOLARSHIP (uniform, shoes, fees, books) that would allow him to go to school. Perhaps for a homely, spastic, disabled child starved for affection, it could be TRANSPORT to a marvelous Center For Special Children called SANTO TORIBIO where training, therapy and gracious love abound. Perhaps for an elementary child out of school at noon with no one at home and little or no food, it could mean being in one of the 26 CHILD CARE CENTERS where there is safety, a hot meal, supervised homework and trips to the library. Perhaps for a very poor adult woman-anxious to work but lacking marketable skills- it could mean a scholarship to CETPRO, the adult technical school offering classes in baking, sewing, shoe making, cooking, hair dressing, silk-screening and computers. Perhaps for a bright university student with little funds it could mean SCHOLARSHIPS to complete a graduate degree in Psychology and begin the practice of a professional life. And for all the people of faith "good news" could mean regular liturgies and excellent catechetical programs and retreats often led by the grateful recipients of the above mentioned material support who are now community leaders. Good News indeed!!



Marjorie and Katherine being welcomed at Mache



Jerry Fickel, president of the Ministry of the Good Shepherd, receiving a plaque



Marjorie and Katherine with dancers

A note from Sister Immaculata

Dear Friends:

"Remember the Ministry of the Good Shepherd in your will" The needs of our ministry will not only continue but will continue to grow throughout the future. Most times we are the only source of food, clothing and medical needs for the women, children and families we serve. By remembering the Ministry of the Good Shepherd in your will, you will help us continue to make a difference in the lives of the poor and needy.

God bless,

Sr. Immaculata Amfly

Time for Giving

Dear Friends of the Ministry of the Good Shepherd,

Up to this point all of our prayers for funds have been answered and we have been able to meet all of Sister's financial obligations. As we prepare our budget for the last quarter of 2012 and our projections for 2013, we have determined that Sister will soon be unable to meet her payroll and other expenses to operate all the daycare centers and Santo Toribio (school for the special need students). So This Is The Time for all of us to give our financial support to Sister's mission in helping all of those in need. All of your donations will be helpful! Thank You!

God Bless you all and you are in our prayers.

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